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Montana Health Care Programs Notice Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) and Mental Health Centers

Mental Health Center Severe Disabling Mental Illness (SDMI) Clinical Assessment is a Covered Ancillary Service for Youth in a PRTF

Effective August 1, 2012, clinical assessments (intake or psychiatric diagnostic interview examinations per the 2012 CPT manual) completed by a mental health center to determine whether or not a youth in a PRTF meets the Medicaid and Mental Health Services Plan (MHSP) adult mental health criteria of having an SDMI, is a covered ancillary service, for youth in a PRTF.

The clinical assessment must be completed by a mental health center that provides adult Medicaid and MHSP mental health services and be approved and reimbursed by the PRTF.

The clinical assessment is not separately reimbursable by the children's mental health Medicaid program per Administrative Rule of Montana 37.87.1222. As a covered outside ancillary service, reimbursement may not exceed the mental health center's usual and customary charge for a clinical assessment. Whenever possible, a mental health center will be reimbursed the Medicaid rate for a clinical assessment by the PRTF.

Contact Information

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